

# Giving Back

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## Thank you for being part of the team

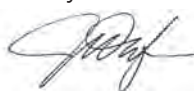
Every year, I have the opportunity to call upon a diverse and talented group of Missouri women and men to serve their fellow citizens as members of state boards and commissions.

They come from all parts of our great state, and represent all walks of life.

As members of this select group, your strong leadership and dedicated public service allow state government to function more efficiently and more effectively. Your contributions will



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have a significant and lasting impact on the lives of thousands of your fellow citizens.

It is my hope that this quarterly newsletter will help you get acquainted with your peers, keep you up to date on important state issues and initiatives, and encourage creative problem-solving around common concerns.

Thank you for generously sharing your time and talents in service to our state – and welcome to the team!



## Boards and Commissions staff

### Deborah L. Price, acting director

Deborah also serves as the Governor's liaison to the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration and as the Governor's designee to the Missouri Workforce Investment Board. She previously served as liaison to the Department of Health and Senior Services.



From 2004 to 2009 Deborah worked as an assistant attorney general prosecuting civil and criminal consumer fraud cases in the Missouri Attorney General's Office. She also served as an adjunct assistant professor at Saint Louis University School of Law. She earned her law degree in 2004 from St. Louis University and a B.A. in history from Washington University in St. Louis.

Deborah is a member of the Women Lawyers Association of Greater St. Louis.

### Damion Trasada, deputy director

Damion previously worked in the Department of Social Services managing the Community Service Block Grant unit. He also had served as DSS legislative liaison during the 2009 session.



Damion also serves on the Jefferson City Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Committee.

Before moving to Missouri, Damion co-founded a mentoring program in Philadelphia that prepares students for post-secondary education. He earned his bachelor's degree at Temple University and his master's degree in public policy at Pepperdine University.

### Kim Gerlt, assistant

Before joining the Governor's Office, Kim was an investigator for the Attorney General's Office, handling civil and criminal consumer fraud cases.



From 2006 to 2010 she contracted to serve as liaison for the State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.

Kim earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Columbia College in 2004.

## Confirmations must be made within first month of session

Most recess appointments must be confirmed by the Missouri Senate when the legislative session convenes on Jan. 5, 2011. If your appointment requires Senate confirmation, you must attend a confirmation hearing within 30 days of the start



of session to continue serving. Your state senator must sponsor you at this hearing.

The B&C staff will contact you in January 2011 about your hearing date and details on a reception to be held on the morning of your hearing.

FOR MEMBERS OF MISSOURI BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



# Governor appoints 78 to Boards and Commissions

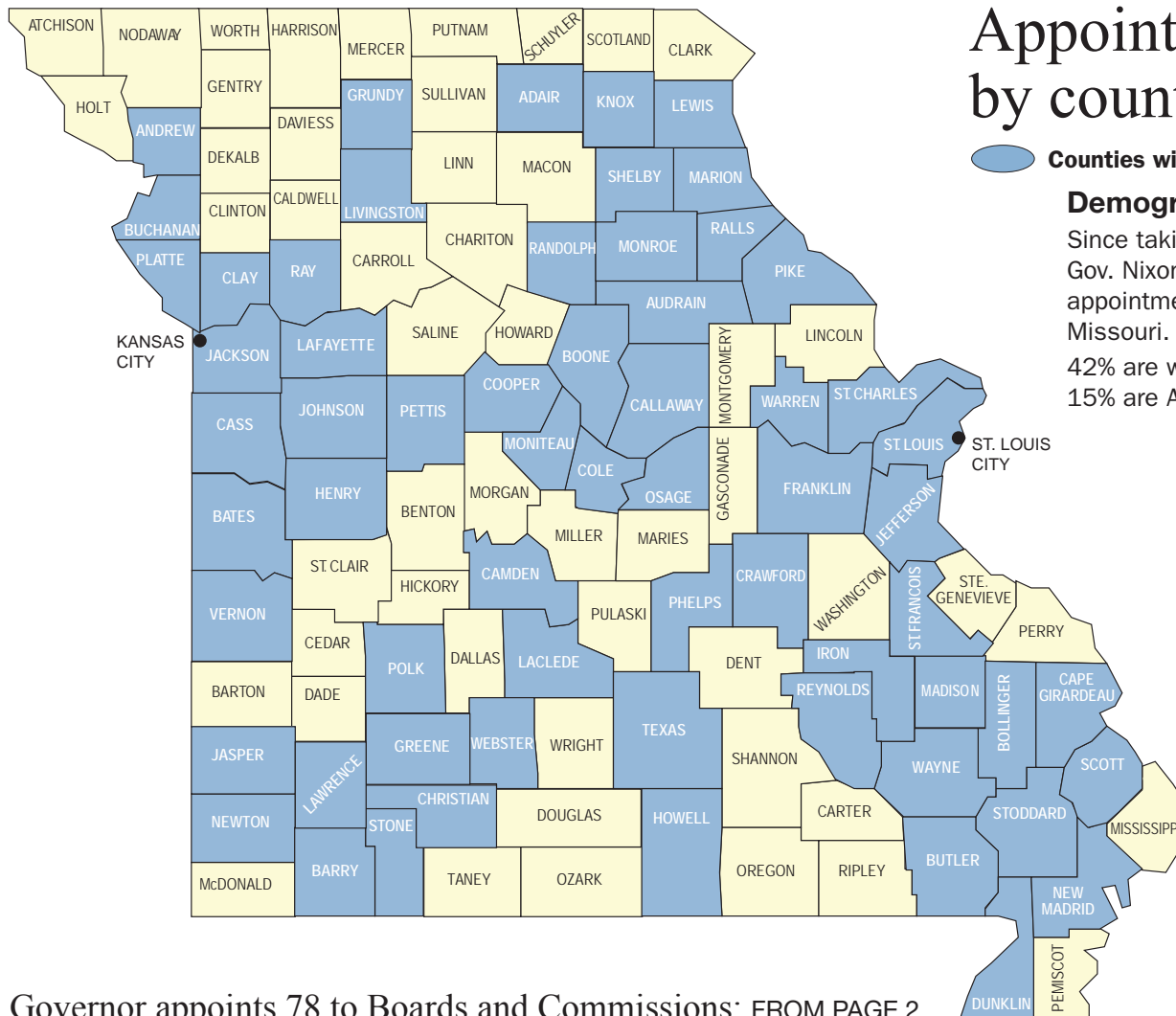
Congratulations to the 78 Missouri public servants the Governor has appointed to Missouri boards and commissions during the 2010 legislative recess.

Advisory Committee for 911 Service Oversight	Michael Hall Rodney Herring Alan Wells	Health Facilities Review Committee	William Krodinger
Board of Accountancy	Deborah Fritz	Board of Examiners for Hearing Instrument Specialists	Sharlene Rimiller
Administrative Hearing Commission	Mary Nelson	Coordinating Board for Higher Education	Elizabeth "Betty" Sims Thomas Strong Kathryn Swan Dalton Wright
Air Conservation Commission	Michelle Bernth	Higher Education Loan Authority	Marvin Wright
Advisory Commission for Anesthesiologist Assistants	Melanie Guthrie Benjamin Lampert Christopher Young	Highways and Transportation Commission	Kenneth Suelthaus
Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Landscape Architects	James Rearden	Historical Records Advisory Board	Christopher Gordon
Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules	Bassem Armaly Vergil Belfi Mark Lester	Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners	Colleen Scott
Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board	James Cunningham Kristi Kenney Betty Marver Charles McKenzie Dorothy Rowland Jennifer Tyus	Jackson County Sports Complex Authority	Garry Kemp
Children's Vision Commission	Julie Bower	Commission on Retirement, Removal & Discipline of Judges	Barry Aycock
Clay County Board of Election Commissioners	Gerald Randall	Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners	M. Blake Heath
Community Service Commission	Russell Unger	Lincoln University Board of Curators	Herbert Hardwick
Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners	Jacklyn Crow	Committee on Marital and Family Therapists	Dianne Modrell
Cotton Growers' Organization Board of Directors	Allen Below	Board of Mediation	Robert Miller Leonard Toenjes
Governor's Council on Disability	Charles Comstock	Missouri Employers Mutual Board of Directors	James C. Owen
Genetic Advisory Committee	Dorothy Grange Tracy Reed	Missouri Western State University Board of Governors	Deborah Smith
Hazardous Waste Management Commission	Deron Sugg	MO HealthNet Oversight Committee	Dr. Kecia Leary Dr. Ingrid D. Taylor Timothy McBride Carmen Parker-Bradshaw
Board of Registration for the Healing Arts	Dr. Fareesa Khan	Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents	Joseph Barbosa



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If you have suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Deborah Price, acting director of Boards and Commissions: [Boards@mo.gov](mailto:Boards@mo.gov) 573-751-3222



## Appointments by county

 **Counties with appointments**

## Demographics

Since taking office, Gov. Nixon has made 499 appointments throughout Missouri. The breakdown: 42% are women. 15% are African-American.

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Board of Optometry	Kurt Finklang Dr. Donald Vanderfeltz	Board for Respiratory Care	Patrice Komoroski
Organ Donation Advisory Committee	Virginia Beatty Heidi M. Hernandez Joan Keiser	Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board	Sheila Sweeney
Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund Board of Trustees	Donald McNutt	Soil and Water Districts Commission	Charles Ausfahl
Board of Pharmacy	Pamela Marshall	St. Louis City Board of Police Commissioners	Jerome Lee
Advisory Commission for Physical Therapists	Charles Gulas	St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners	Ann Pluemer
Board of Probation and Parole	Cynthia Prudden	State Fair Commission	Willis Magruder Teddy Sheppard
Committee for Professional Counselors	Craig Miner Margaret Pigg	State Tax Commission	Jeff Schaeperkoetter
Quality Home Care Council	Jeanne Serra	Truman State University Board of Governors	Michael Zito
Real Estate Appraisers Commission	Ann Nunn-Jones	University of Central Missouri Board of Governors	Darren Doherty
Rehabilitation Council	Nia Ray	Veterans Commission	Scott Englund

# Member spotlight: MHDC member brings diversity

**TROY NASH** has been a member of the Missouri Housing Development Commission since his appointment by Gov. Nixon in 2009.

While growing up in Kansas City, his family instilled the importance of hard work, personal achievement and service to others.

Troy brings a unique blend of legal, economic development and public service experience to MHDC. He has served in the U.S. Air Force as well as in a variety of private and public sector capacities.

As a city councilman in Kansas City, he served as chair of the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, which was instrumental in managing the development portfolio that revitalized the downtown area.

Troy also has distinguished himself as board chairman for People to People International. His work with People to People has allowed him to lead and participate in professional delegations to many nations.

## Better future for Missourians

Troy sees the work of the commission as a way to help people make a better future for themselves and their families. He says one of the most satisfying aspects of serving on MHDC is having the ability to implement programs and initiatives that directly touch people.

One aspect of serving as a

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Troy Nash



Troy Nash and Zindzi Mandela, daughter of Nelson Mandela, at the People to People International 19th Worldwide Conference this fall in Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Hometown:** Kansas City, Mo.

**Background:** Vice president, Zimmer Real Estate Services.

Chairman of the board of trustees, People to People International, a Kansas City-based volunteer organization founded by President Eisenhower to promote international understanding through direct personal contact.

**Education:** Ph.D. in economics in 2009, M.B.A. and J.D. in 1997, all at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

**Children:** Arielle, Angelina and Christopher

“This commission changes lives.”

~TROY NASH ON MHDC

commission member that Troy was not aware of before joining was the amount of effort required of MHDC's support staff.

“The professionalism and dedication of the staff is second to none,” he says. Troy appreciates the selflessness and hard work of all the staff members. He enjoys working with the staff to accomplish MHDC's

mission of providing quality, safe and affordable housing for low- and moderate-income Missourians.

Although the economy has challenged the commission in unprecedented ways, Troy remains upbeat about the commission's work.

“MHDC is responding to the current challenges in the housing market, and will continue to find innovative ways to help homebuyers and improve the quality of life for Missouri's citizens.”

Please join us in thanking Troy for his continued service to the people of Missouri.

## Spread the word

Gov. Nixon is always looking for qualified, energetic applicants to serve on Missouri's 200-plus boards and commissions. We would appreciate it if you would encourage your colleagues and friends to review the vacancies and complete an application found at [governor.mo.gov/boards](http://governor.mo.gov/boards).





# Agency Spotlight: Children's Trust Fund

**YOU PROBABLY** know them best by the familiar license plate that is Missouri's most popular specialty plate. But there's a lot more to the Children's Trust Fund, which for the past 27 years has been educating the public and awarding grants, all in the name of preventing child abuse and neglect in Missouri.

The CTF staff, led by its 21-member board of directors, was established by the legislature in 1983 to prevent child abuse and neglect through grant distribution, education and public awareness.

## No state funding

The agency receives no general revenue. Funding comes from fees on marriage licenses and vital records, sales of the CTF license plate, voluntary contributions designated on state income tax returns, other donations and interest income from the fund.

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**Established:** 1983

**Purpose:** Prevent and alleviate child abuse and neglect

**Number of board members:** 21

**Term length:** 3 years

**FY 2010 budget from fees and donations:** \$2.97 million

**27 years of giving:** Since CTF's inception, over \$45 million has been distributed to support Missouri's children and families. Recipients throughout the state include schools, counties, courts, health departments, law enforcement, child advocacy groups and hospitals.



**Popular plates:** The Children's Trust Fund's "Prevent Child Abuse" license plate is Missouri's top-selling specialty plate. There are about 8,100 plates on Missouri roadways. To order plates, go to [ctf4kids.org](http://ctf4kids.org).

## CTF staff

**Kirk Schreiber,**  
executive  
director



Schreiber

**Paula Cunningham,**  
public affairs  
and  
education  
coordinator

**Laura Malzner,** program  
coordinator

**Alicia Whitson,** executive I

## CTF board of directors, hometowns

A 21-member board governs the fund. The Governor appoints 17 members; two are appointed by the House speaker and two by the Senate president pro tem.

**Chair Patrice Mugg,** Kirkwood

**Chair-Elect Thomas Vansaghi,** Ph.D., Kansas City

- **Rev. Eric Battle,** St. Louis
- **Nela E. Beetem,** Holts Summit
- **Susan Block,** University City
- **Paula Clay,** Columbia
- **Lynne Cooper,** St. Louis
- **Kathleen Boyle Dalen,** Ph.D., Kansas City
- **Richard Dunn,** Springfield
- **Jillian C. Harris,** Jefferson City
- **Robert Harris,** M.D., Columbia

- **Stephen Huss,** Ph.D., Hillsboro
- **Dena Ladd,** St. Louis
- **Sen. Jolie Justus,** Kansas City
- **Rep. Mike McGhee,** Odessa
- **Martina L. Peterson,** Kansas City
- **Charmaine Smith,** St. Louis
- **Regina Staves,** Ph.D., Kansas City
- **Rep. Rachel Storch,** St. Louis
- **Sen. Carl Vogel,** Jefferson City



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### Education, prevention programs

The board invests nearly \$3 million a year in public education campaigns and prevention programs, including grants for:

- Safe cribs and infant nurturing
- Parent education and mentoring
- Caregiver support
- Home visitation
- Crisis intervention, respite care
- Staff training, development
- School- and community-based education

The board annually awards more than 100 of these grants to community-based organizations, which reach well over 80,000 people each year.

“Research shows that every dollar invested in these prevention programs can save \$7 to \$18 in future expenses related to child abuse and neglect,” says Executive Director Kirk Schreiber.

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 Children's Trust Fund



**Safe kids:** CTF promotes an environment where children can thrive and grow.

### Public education, awareness

You may have heard CTF's public education messages, including radio ads and billboards, on the prevention of shaken baby syndrome, safe sleep environments, positive parenting, emotional child abuse and neglect, and the dangers of leaving children unattended in and around vehicles.

CTF is the first Children's Trust Fund nationally to engage in social networking by using podcasts and Twitter. It has more than 1,500 followers on Facebook.

### Getting results

Measuring specific outcomes including satisfaction of services received is an important requirement of CTF grants. Overall, families enrolled in prevention programs report high levels of satisfaction. Data show a significant reduction in family risk and parent stress among participating parents.



### To order your license plates

Go to [ctf4kids.org](http://ctf4kids.org) or 888-826-5437

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On Twitter: MissouriCTF